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## Banks.

### THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... Yen 24,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... " 18,000,000  
CAPITAL UNCALLED ..... " 6,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... " 9,000,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.  
TOKIO. KOBÉ.  
NAGASAKI. LONDON.  
LYONS. NEW YORK.  
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.  
HOMBAY. SHANGHAI.  
TIENTSIN. NEWCHANG.  
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.  
PARIS BANK, LD.  
THE UNION OF LONDON AND  
SMITHS BANK, LD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per Annum on the Daily Balance.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TARO HODSUMI,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [10]

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$15,500,000  
Sterling Reserve ..... \$10,000,000  
Silver Reserve ..... \$5,500,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
A. J. RAYMOND, Esq., Chairman.  
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CHIEF MANAGER:  
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.  
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTRY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.  
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per Cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1903. [13]

### HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER  
CENT. per annum.  
Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [14]

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Paid up Capital ..... \$324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. C. Ewens, Esq.  
Chow Tung Shang, Esq. J. J. Lauts, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed ..... 5 %  
Hongkong, 19th November, 1902. [15]

### THE DEUTSCHE ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... Sh. Tael 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Canton, Hankow, Shanghai, Tientsin.

LONDON BANKERS:  
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,  
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.  
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT  
DIREKTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.

DEPOSITS received on terms which may be  
learned on application. Every description of  
Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FICKE,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1902. [16]

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [17]

## Mails.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAMERS. CAPTAINS. TO SAIL. REMARKS.  
SINGAPORE, CAMBO, and BOMBAY. Peking ..... C. R. Longden, R.N.R. About 18th April. Freight only.

SHANGHAI ..... Bengt ..... A. L. Valentini ..... About 24th April. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. .... Ballarat ..... F. R. Summers ..... Noon, 25th April. Freight or Passage.

\* See Special Advertisement.  
† Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.  
‡ Via SHANGHAI, MOI and KOBE. (Passing through the Inland Sea).  
§ (Calling at PENANG if sufficient inducement offers).

For Further Particulars, apply to  
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1903. [18]

### IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN, HAMBURG;  
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS;  
ALSO  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,  
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;

Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers  
and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.  
\* KLAUSCHOU ..... SAILING DATES.  
WEDNESDAY, 29th April.

\* BAYERN ..... WEDNESDAY, 13th May.

\* ZIETEN ..... WEDNESDAY, 27th May.

\* STUTTGART ..... THURSDAY, 11th June.

\* ROON ..... THURSDAY, 25th June.

\* PRUSSEN ..... THURSDAY, 9th July.

\* HAMBURG ..... THURSDAY, 23rd July.

\* PRINZ HEINRICH ..... THURSDAY, 6th August.

\* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.  
† Calling at AMSTERDAM.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of April, 1903, at NOON, the Steamship "KLAUSCHOU,"  
of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Captain Behrens, with MAILED,  
PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at  
NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 27th instant, Cargo and  
Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, and Parcels  
will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 28th instant.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50  
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.  
Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [19]

## Intimations.

### NOTICE!!!

Genuine FIRST HAND Pianos  
BY THE FOLLOWING LEADING MANUFACTURERS

COLLARD & COLLARD  
BROADWOOD  
STEINWAY  
DORNER  
CHALLENGER.

CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM  
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,  
Their SOLE AGENTS in Hongkong.

In consequence of the NUMEROUS FRAUDS practised on the Public by Makers of  
COUNTERFEIT PIANOFORTES for the names of the well known firm of COLLARD and  
COLLARD upon them, the latter have adopted the precaution of supplying with each  
Pianoforte a CERTIFICATE of AUTHENTICITY Signed by their firm, and it is earnestly  
requested that purchasers to avoid imposition will BEFORE PURCHASING insist on its  
production, and satisfy themselves that the number and description of the instrument  
correspond with the particulars in the Certificate.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
Hongkong, 18th March, 1903. [732c]

### THE CONNAUGHT HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL SITUATED NEAR THE BANKS AND PRINCIPAL  
OFFICES. EXCELLENT CUISINE AND WINES.  
Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.  
Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.  
Launch Service for Guests.

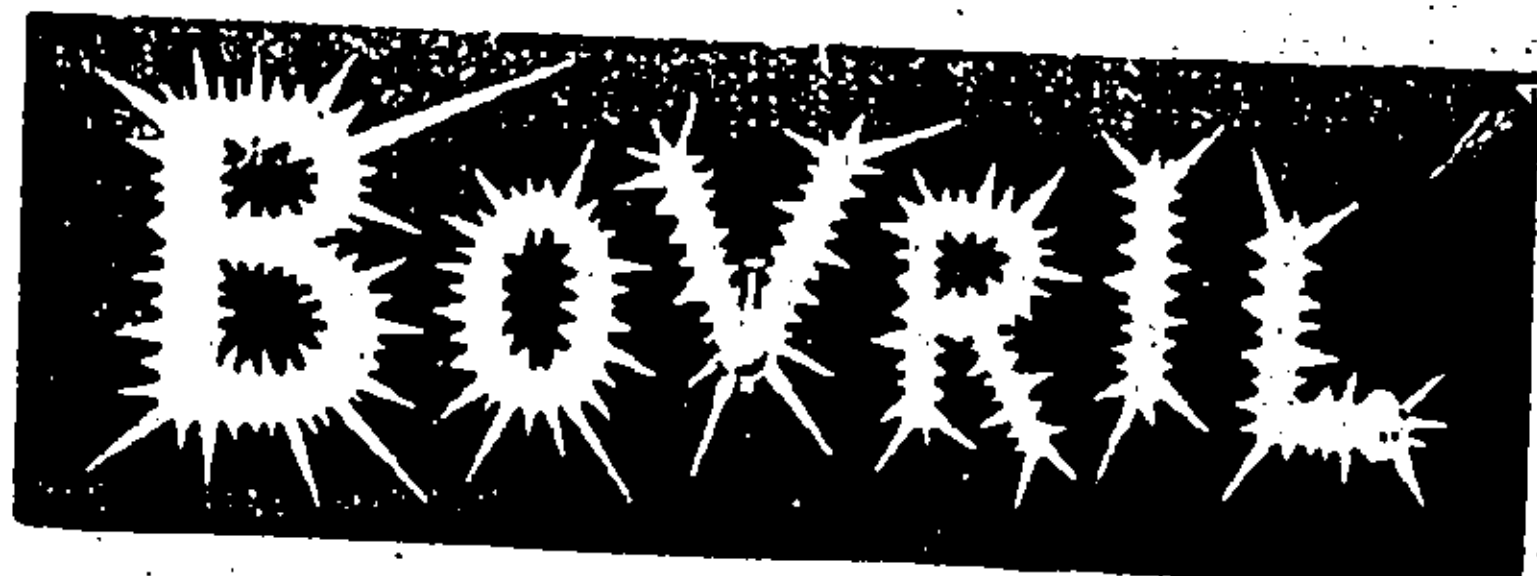
For Terms, apply to  
THE MANAGER.  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1902. [1339c]

### HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, the Peak, near the Tram Terminus, Tel. 56.  
For Terms, apply to the  
MANAGER.  
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1902. [17]

## Intimations.

Bovril is a food-beverage agreeable  
to the taste and of remarkable strengthening  
and sustaining properties. It is an ideal  
nourishment in cases of sickness and weak-  
ness, and when from any cause ordinary  
foods are not desirable.



## JAPAN COALS.

### THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE—43, SAKAMOTO-CHO, TOKYO.  
LONDON BRANCH—34, LINE STREET, E.C.  
HONGKONG BRANCH—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

#### OTHER OFFICES:

New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Sourabaya, Manila, Amoy,  
Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang, Port Arthur, Seoul, Chemulpo, Yokohama,  
Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Maidzuru, Kure, Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu,  
Karatsu, Nagasaki, Kuchinotsu, Sasebo, Miike, Hakodate, Taipeh, etc.

Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.O. and A 1 Codes).

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armaments and the State  
Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and  
Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Mitsu, Tagawa, Yamano and Ida Coal Mines; and  
SOLE AGENTS for Hokoku, Hondo, Ichimura, Kanada, Kishima, Mameda, Mannoura,  
Onoura, Otsuji, Sasahara, Tsubakuro, Yoshinotani, Yoshio, Yunokibara and other Coals.  
K. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong

## THE DISTILLERS Co., LIMITED.

GIN. WHISKY.  
D. C. L.  
Per Doz. - \$16.50  
GIN. "OLD TOM"  
"DRY"  
Per Doz. - \$9.00

#### SOLE AGENTS:

H. PRICE & Co.,  
12, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1903. [1952c]



## AQUARIUS

MINERAL WATER  
SILENT WATER  
TONIC WATER  
GINGER ALE  
LITHIA WATER  
GINGER BEER (STONE BOTTLES).

All the Company's waters are manufactured from triple-distilled  
water—nothing can be purer.

#### SOLE AGENTS.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,  
Wine and Spirit Merchants,  
16, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1903. [22]

### INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that  
the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for  
DR. AUER VON WELSBACH Co.,  
VIENNA,

THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT  
GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,  
The Price of which has been reduced to  
FIFTY CENTS per piece.

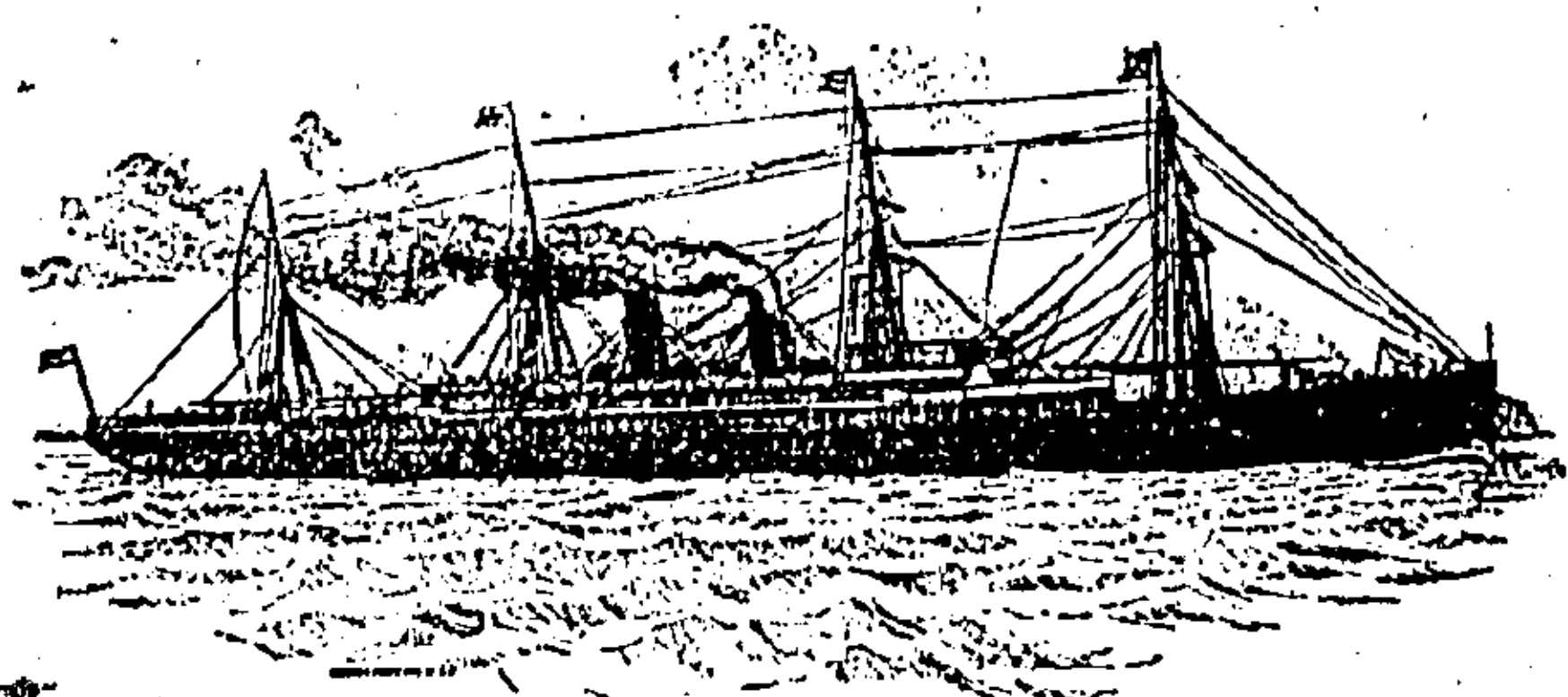
BEWARE OF INTERIOR IMITATIONS!

KRUSE & Co.,  
CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [954c]



# U.S. MAIL LINES.



A. I. I. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,  
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,  
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.		
"SIBERIA"	SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.	
"AMERICA MARU"	SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.	
"KOBAYASHI"	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, at Noon.	
"KOBAYASHI"	FRIDAY, 22nd May, at Noon.	
"HONGKONG MARU"	SATURDAY, 30th May, at Noon.	
"CITY OF PEKING"	TUESDAY, 5th June, at Noon.	
"JAPAN MARU"	TUESDAY, 16th June, at Noon.	
"JAPAN MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 24th June, at Noon.	

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

The P. M. Company's Steamship "SIBERIA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (first-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are granted and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100: Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)  
"EMPRESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 6th May.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 27th May.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 3rd June.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 24th June.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd July.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 5th August.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 12th August.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 26th August.

The magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

OBTASIATISCHER FRACHTAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SAMBIA	HAVRE, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.	23rd April. Freight.
Schmidt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	
SERBIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	5th May. Freight.
Reibelmund	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	
SAXONIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	19th May. Freight.
Reibelmund	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	
SEGOWIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	2nd June. Freight.
Fork	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	
STRASSBURG	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	16th June. Freight and Passengers.
Madsen	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	
SUEVIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	30th June. Freight.
Hock	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	
NUBIA	NEW YORK VIA PORTS.	30th May. Freight.
von Hoff		

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
HONGKONG OFFICE,  
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1903.

## Shipping—Steamers.

### HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAN,"	2,361 tons,	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POWAN,"	2,138 "	" G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATSHAN,"	2,160 "	" A. W. Dix.
"HANKOW,"	3,073 "	" C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN,"	2,860 "	" J. J. Lossius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at about 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted), and at about 5.30 P.M. (Saturday excepted).

Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily at about 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted), and at about 4.30 P.M. (Sunday excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,  
HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN,"	1,998 tons,	Captain W. E. Clarke.
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Departures from Hongkong to Macao daily at about 1 P.M. as per special Schedule. } Sunday  
Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at about 8 A.M. } excepted.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN,"	2,19 tons,	Captain T. Hamlin.
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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K. C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "NANNING,"	561 tons,	Captain R. D. Thomas.
"SINAM,"	388 "	" B. Branch.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at about 8 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—  
HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,  
18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Hongkong Hotel.  
Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 11th April, 1903.

## Intimations.

NOTICE.

### STEAMERS AND LAUNCHES FOR SALE.

A FAST twin screw steamer, just completed. Length 155 feet, breadth 25 feet, and depth 11 feet.

A Steam Launch with condenser, length 59 feet.

A Steam Launch with condenser, length 29 feet.

A Steamer, in course of construction, length 140 feet, breadth 24 feet, depth 11 feet. Engines 14" x 30", 20" stroke.

For Particulars Apply to

A. RITCHIE,

39, Des Vaux Road, Central.  
Hongkong, 11th April, 1903. [454e]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FROM 1ST MAY next, until further Notice, the Retail Price of Ice will be Two cents per pound. Rates for One Ton and Upwards, supplied to Shipping direct from the Works, will remain as formerly.

Cold Storage Rates on application.  
WM. FARLANE,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th April 1903. [455e]

WANTED.

AN EXPERT TYPEWRITER.

Apply to "G,"  
C/o The Hongkong Telegraph.  
Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [469e]

WANTED.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND  
SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.  
Wanted a MANAGER for above Institution.

Apply to HON. SECRETARY.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [438e]

WANTED.

A TEACHER for St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Apply by Letter to BRO. FRANCIS,

Director,  
St. Joseph's College.  
No. 2, Robinson Road,  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,  
SHIPCHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,  
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS  
AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG,  
SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR  
HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S GENUINE  
COMPOSITION RED HAND  
BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT,  
DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR  
LAUNCHES, &c.

SOLE AGENTS for  
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM  
AND P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH  
WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF  
SHIPS STORES AND REQUISITES  
ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT  
REASONABLE PRICES.  
Hambro's, 14th May, 1906. [48e]

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

J. EYES  
FLUID

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY  
ITS USE.  
W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,  
Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [48e]

## Intimations.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th April, 1903, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 25th April, to WEDNESDAY, the 29th April, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [478e]

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 13, Leadenhall Arcade, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday the 8th day of April, 1903, the following Resolution was passed:—

That the final CALL of FIFTY CENTS per SHARE upon all the Holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Call to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 9th day of May, 1903.

And NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, Interest will be charged as from the said 9th day of May, 1903, at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the said 9th day of May, 1903, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Banker's Receipt for payment of the Call, together with the Certificate of the Shares, in respect of which the Call has been paid, an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the Certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1903. [452e]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON, LIMITED.

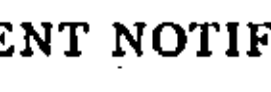
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS OF TWENTY PER CENT upon Contributions for the year 1902 has been declared.

WARRANTS will be issued on the 1st May.

By Order of the Board,  
W. J. SAUNDERS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [486e]



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Stonecutters' Island and Belcher's on the 21st and 22nd of April, 1903, at targets in a Westerly and South-Westerly direction from Stonecutters', and in a North-Westerly and Westerly direction from Belcher's.

Practice will commence at about 9.30 A.M.

By Command,  
F. H. MAY,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [485e]

GESUCHT.

WIRD ein Deutscher als Verwalter für den deutschen Klub „Eintracht“ Gehaltsbedingungen nach Uebereinkunft.

Adresse: VORSTAND, KLUB „EINTRACHT“, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [471e]

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PHOTOGRAPHER,  
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TERMS MODERATE.

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## Intimations.

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R. F. DALY,  
Manager.

J. W. OSBORNE,  
Proprietor.

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AND

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Hongkong, 20th November, 1901.

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Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches  
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and for Voigtlander and Sothe's  
CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES,  
MARINE GLASSES and SPYGLASSES,  
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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903 [595d]

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Special Prices for Quantities.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903 [595d]

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EASTMAN'S  
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CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.

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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1902 [44e]

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## CURRENCY.

A Bombay native exchange broker, in his capacity of President of the Native Shares Stock Exchange and Bullion Brokers' Association, is reported to have said that the currency legislation of 1893 is one of the greatest and the most beneficial acts of State of the last half century; and the benefits conferred by it outweigh by far any harm that may have been caused by it. The Currency Act has established the equity, the equilibrium, and the fixity between creditors and debtors, between producers and consumers, between employers of all kinds and employees of all kinds, including Government railways and private, and between capital and labour. For what is money, but a measure of value for commodities and for labour. Any Government worthy of its name of a civilized and commercial country, ought to keep its measures of value fixed and constant in relation to the measures of the great and the essential needs of the world; and the transfer and the transfer of capital from one country to another ought to cost no more than the freight and insurance. The measure of the world is the pound sterling, equal to 20 shillings or 240 pence. All the great commercial nations of the world have kept their measures fixed and constant in relation to the pound sterling. But who are the out-and-out opponents of Currency Legislation? They are the tea and coffee planters and to a certain extent the indigo planters, the agents of the spinning mills who charge commission on production, and a hotch-pot of these "the Indian Currency League." And lastly, His Majesty's opposition to the Government of India, the Indian Congress. Take the tea planters. They brought their sterling capital for investment in land in India. Their returns are in sterling and they export all their tea to sterling or gold currency countries. Up to 1871-72 they brought out their capital at the conventional rate of 24d.—or they bought their rupees at 24d. each. If in that year the Government of India had followed the lead of the Latin Union and closed the mints to silver, no one could have complained. The rupee would have been saved the tribulations of a quarter of a century. For in the modern history of trade up to 1872 the rupee was 24d. and no one had conceived it could be anything else. But the Government did not follow the lead, and the rupee continuously declined in relation to gold, until the average rate of the year 1891-92 was 16d. The average of the years 1871-72 to 1891-92 was 19d.

In the year 1893 the Government of India legislated and linked the rupee to 16d. gold. If the Government had shown equal courage in the execution of the measures, as they had in carrying it, the rupee would have been saved four years of further tribulations. But surprised and almost frightened at the magnitude of the measure, they behaved like the celebrated Punch's boy who cried "no Popery" and ran away. Anyhow all the capital brought to India by the planters before the Currency Act of 1893 was at an exchange of over 16d. When any one intends to transfer to another country for investment in land, he makes a close circumstantial and retrospective calculation for a fair return for his risk. He knows the value of the land and he is about to purchase and the cost of the labour for clearing it. He bases it on the exchange rate of the day. He calculates on the basis of exchange the annual cost of the sowing, reaping and preparing the produce for the market. Perhaps he puts the rate a little higher for margin. All his calculations, therefore, must have been based on a higher rate of exchange than 16d; for the average rate between 1871-72 and 1891-92 was over 19d. If he has anything to complain of it is for not fixing a higher rate by Legislation. If he has anything to deplore, it is the weakness of the Government for allowing its measure of value to depreciate, which made it impossible for him to re-transfer his capital without loss of bulk. Why does he then wish the rupee to go down to its silver value? It is to redress the failure of his calculations; to redress the inclination of the other countries of the world to buy his wares; and to redress the low prices of over-production—all at the expense of the poor coolie.

The other opponents to the Currency Legislation are the Cotton Mill Agents who charge a commission of three pence on production of a pound of yarn. They have not even some of the redeeming features of the planters. For if the planters ask to deposit their cash, it is for the benefit of the whole body of tea-merchants. But the Mill Agents ask to deposit their cash for themselves alone. The commission of 3 pence on every pound of the gross production is equivalent to close upon 10 per cent. of its capital and making allowance for depreciation and reserve funds, a Cotton Mill in Bombay has to earn nearly a 22 or 23 per cent. on its capital to enable it to give a return to the shareholders of 6 or 7 per cent.

Has the rupee appreciated? In 1872 it measured 24d., 24 francs, 2 marks and 50 cents of the United States dollar. In 1903 it measured 16d., 16 francs, and 33 cents. This is not appreciation in the rupee's favour? If it is, it is a fact with silver in it of the price of 43d. per oz., then the franc and the American dollar with silver in it of 61d. per oz., are more fictitious still. Yet we have never heard of Frenchman and the Americans say so. If rupee is fictitious, then the Government Paper has no value at all. But you demur to that and say the Government Paper has the Government of India at the back of it, who have lien on all India and all its assets. The rupee has all that behind it and more. It has besides silver of the value of 43d. per oz. Gold in the Currency Department and Gold reserve in London. You say if the rupee is a burr, it melted the value is only 23d. But why should it melt? You do not burn Currency Notes, and if you do, the value is ashes. You do not object to put tariffs on foreign goods to equalize the cost of your home-made goods. Why should you then object to the protection of rupees against depreciations of their cost value?

## COTTON MILL INDUSTRY.

The condition of the Mill industry of Bombay is again causing anxiety. At the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in Bombay last month, the Honorable Mr. M. A. Jinnah, a very deplorable account of some of the Bombay mills. He is reported to have said that ten mills were previously sold at one-third of their value; that 11 more were on the verge of bankruptcy and ruin; that 2 mills costing over ten lakhs of rupees were recently sold to some English tourists for the Delhi Durbar at two and a-half lakhs; and that debenture holders of certain mills cannot get more than 50 per cent of their face value. The remedy for this deplorable state of affairs, in his opinion, is the adoption of a gold standard of currency, in China and the abolition by the Indian Government of export duty on cloth not competing with Manchester.

## THE ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Chicago, March 7th.—Mr. James Hill is making preparations to go after Oriental traffic on a big scale, and to extend his operations to the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands. A move in this direction has been made by the selection of Mr. M. C. Markham, formerly traffic manager of Illinois Central Railroad, to be traffic manager of the Oriental Steamship Company. Mr. Markham is one of the best known traffic men in the country, and his writings and arguments before the Interstate Commerce Commission upon nearly every knotty traffic problem have been widely quoted. He left for San Francisco to-day, and will sail next Wednesday on the *Stadia*. During his absence he will visit the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands, and tour Japan, China and India and other Asiatic countries, with a view to ascertaining the conditions and making preparations to secure Oriental traffic for Hill lines. Before he returns the new traffic manager will probably enter into many important traffic contracts, for every effort is to be made to secure full loads for Hill's mammoth ships on their first return trips from the Orient.

## THE CHINA STATION.

British interests in China are watched by one of the finest intelligences in the British Navy, marks *The Navy and Army Illustrated*. Vice-Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge is a seaman of rare endowments, whose opinion commands the fullest confidence at the Admiralty. It is no secret that it was upon his advice that Wei-hai-wei was abandoned as a fixed advanced base. No living officer of the British Navy is so completely imbued with the teachings of history as Sir Cyprian Bridge, and one of its plainest lessons is that if we disclose our purposes our enemy will most certainly do his best to counteract them. Hence the ill-judgment displayed in advertising Wei-hai-wei. What ever Sir Cyprian Bridge has written, and he holds the pen of a great historian, though few recognise his hand—shows the clearest strategic insight, and a power of applying the lessons of the past to the present day which is rare. It is known that since he went to China he has devoted himself assiduously to the removal of what he described as the "canker of a long peace." A different type of man entirely is the second in command in China Rear-Admiral H. T. Grenfell, C.M.G., a man of action, to be depended upon for loyal support and the striking of heavy blows. In the Cretan troubles his commanding presence and so decisive his action that he received the sash of the "King of Candia." He is proficient both with gloves and foils, and a duel with a French man is said to stand to his credit, ending with an excellent compact of long-life amity. The admiral's career has indeed been rather full of incident, and British interests will suffer nothing in his hands.

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—  
On the 17th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has fallen over Central Japan, risen elsewhere, particularly over the E. coast of China. A high pressure area lies over Central China, and pressure is relatively low over Central and N. Japan. Gradients rather steep with strong N.E. winds on the China coast, slight with moderate but in increasing N.E. winds over the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—fresh N.E. winds; rainy at first, improving later.

## Notice of Firm.

THE Partnership formerly existing between Messrs. DORABEE NOWROJEE, I. P. MADAR, and WILLIAM FARMER in connection with the businesses of the NEW VICTORIA and KING EDWARD HOTELS, Hongkong, and the VICTORIA HOTEL, Shamone, Canton, has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 31st day of December, 1902. MR. WILLIAM FARMER as from such date surrenders and becomes responsible for the business of the VICTORIA HOTEL, Shamone, Canton, Messrs. DORABEE NOWROJEE and I. P. MADAR as from such date entirely take over and become responsible for the businesses of the NEW VICTORIA and KING EDWARD HOTELS, Hongkong. Dated this 14th day of April, 1903. DORABEE NOWROJEE, I. P. MADAR, WM. FARMER.

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## DENTISTRY.

SUI SANG, (Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA), DENTIST. No. 46, Cornhill Road Central. Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. [36]

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER. G. Ginnell.

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 18th April, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—SATIN COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTLES with BEVELLED GLASS, AMERICAN ROLL-TOP DESKS, BLACKEXTON WARE, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE & CHAIRS, MOROCCO COVERED SOFA and CHAIRS, MARBLED GLASS TOP TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, FUR RUGS, ELECTROPLATED and GLASS WARE, DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, MARINBURK'S MAKE WASHSTANDS and DRESSING TABLES, COOKING STOVES, &c., &c., Also AN ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLE, CUES, &c., &c. 1 PIANO by Robinson & Co. 1 PIANO by Broadwood. 3 SADDLES and BRIDLES Complete. On view on Friday, the 17th instant. TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [473c]

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned have received instructions from the REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT, to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd April, 1903, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, THE STOCK-IN-TRADE OF CHEUNG WOO'S FIRM, 43, Queen's Road Central, Comprising—TWEEDS, FLANNELS, GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, FELT & STRAW HATS, LINEN, SOCKS, FLANNELS, HANDKERCHIEFS, MONEY PURSES, PERUMERY, BUTTONS, GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES, SCISSORS, NECKTIES, COLLARS, WALKING STICKS, SINGLES, RAIN COATS, BRACES, SOAPS, &c., &c.; Also GLASS SHOWCASES, COUNTER, MIRRORS and TABLES will be sold on the Premises, No. 43, Queen's Road Central, at 2.30 P.M. TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [474c]

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions from C. EWENS, Esq., to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1903, at "COOMBE," Magazine Gap, Commencing at 2.30 P.M., THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. (Particulars from Catalogue). TERMS:—As customary. On View from WEDNESDAY, 22nd April. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [479c]

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions from A. CUNNINGHAM, Esq., to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on MONDAY, the 27th April, 1903, at No. 14, DES VOEUX ROAD, (above the Office of Messrs. Shawan, Tomes & Co.), commencing at 2.30 P.M., THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE; Also One COTTAGE PIANO, by Broadwood & Sons; One SINGER SEWING MACHINE (almost new); One GENTLEMAN'S BICYCLE; AND A Few Pieces of TONKINESE INLAID WARE. TERMS:—As customary. Further Particulars from Catalogue. On View from SATURDAY, the 25th April. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [480c]

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th April, 1903, on board, H.M. UNARMED GUNBOATS "ESK" and "FIREBRAND," "ESK" "FIREBRAND." Extreme length, 115 feet. breadth, 34 " 33 ft. 6 in. Displacement, 363 tons. 455 tons. Hull.....Iron. Composite Copper-sheathed. Engines.....Hawthorn's. Thomson's. Each with two Cylindrical Tubular Boilers and three wooden masts. As they now lie in the Harbour of Hongkong. The Admiralty do not guarantee these ships as fit for further Sea Service. The Anchors, Mooring Gear, Boats and Boats' Gear will not be sold. A list of fittings to be sold with the ships may be seen at the Offices of the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard, and of the Auctioneers; also on board. The Vessels will be open to inspection for seven days before date of sale. Inspecting orders can be obtained from the Auctioneers. Terms:—Cash before delivery, 25 % of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, balance and the clearance to be effected within seven days after date of sale. A Launch will leave Blake Pier at 2 P.M. and 2.45 P.M. on day of sale to convey intending purchasers. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [484c]

## Intimations.

SANITARY BOARD. OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Central Division of the City of Victoria and in the Western Division of Kowloon, who have not had their Premises LIMEWASHED and CLEANSED in accordance with Law, are reminded that the period during which the work should be FINISHED ends on the 30th day of APRIL, 1903, and the Sanitary Board, being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague, is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the above named date. The Central Division of the City lies between Garden Road on the East, and Morrison Street and East Street on the West. The Western Division of Kowloon is all that part of the Kowloon Peninsula to the West of the Robinson Road and includes Tsim Sha Tsui, Yau Ma Tei, Mong Kok Tsui, Tai Kok Tsui and Sham Shu Po. By Order of the Board. G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary. Sanitary Board Office, Hongkong, 1st April, 1903. [433c]

## THE ROBINSON PIANO Co., LTD.

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## APOLLO PIANO PLAYERS IN THE LATEST STYLE.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [415c]

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## AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK. Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars and Cuffs renewed on old ones. Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Corsets, Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required. The Superior's Willing to make a special arrangement for any PAIRS of old ENGLISH or IRISH made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters. Hongkong, 17th April, 1903.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
INABA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SATURDAY 18th April, at Daylight.
HIRASHIMA MARU	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 21st April, at 4 P.M.
KAGA MARU	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 21st April, at Noon.
KASUGA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, at Noon.
SADO MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 24th April, at Daylight.
YAWATA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 24th April, at 4 P.M.
HITACHI MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SATURDAY, 2nd May, at Daylight.
RIOJUN MARU	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 5th May, at 4 P.M.
KAWACHI MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 8th May, at Daylight.

Through Passenger Tickets issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Passengers have the Option of Travelling by the Sanyo Railway. For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road. A. S. MIHARA, Manager. Hongkong, 17th April, 1903.

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NOTICE. STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Superintendent. Hongkong, 7th April, 1903. [436c]

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TELEPHONE, 232.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [355e]

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer  
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

BIRTH.  
On the 9th April, the wife of A. D. LAND, U.  
Esq., of a son. Home papers (American)  
please copy.

DEATH.  
On the 11th April, at 9.45 p.m., at No. 2  
Ward Road, Shanghai, REGINALD EUSTACE,  
the third and dearly beloved son of James and  
Amanda C. Featherstonhaugh, aged three years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1903.

THE IMPORT TARIFF.

The revised Import Tariff of which so  
much has been heard and written since the  
conclusion of the Peace Protocol at Peking  
in 1901 is again brought to our notice by its  
acceptance on the part of the representatives  
of Italy and Russia on the 28th March. It  
will be binding upon the subjects of those  
countries on and after the 27th April (1st  
day of the 4th month). The following  
additions to the tariff will come into force  
on the same day:—

Name of Article.	Tariff Unit and Duty.	Per 100 lbs.
Cotton Piece Goods	Yard	0.015
Dyed Muleskins	Value	5 percent.
Fish, Salmon Bellies	"	"
Ginseng, Wild	"	"
Horns, Deer	Piece	1.500
" " Old	"	8.500
" " Young	"	"
Lemons, Fresh	Thousand	2.500
Marble	Value	0.400
Skirts	"	5 percent.
Badger	Hundred	2.000
Bear	Value	5 percent.
Beaver	"	"
Deer	"	"
Dog	"	"
Foamart	"	"
Fox, Arctic (White)	"	"
" " Legs	100 pairs	0.350
" " Red	Piece	0.137
Goat	Hundred	2.500
Hare	Value	5 percent.
Lamb	Hundred	2.600
" " Unborn	Value	5 percent.
Land-otter	Hundred	8.000
Lynx	Piece	0.225
Marten	Value	5 percent.
Rabbit	"	"
Raccoon	Hundred	2.000
Seal	Value	5 percent.
Sheep	Hundred	3.000
Squirrel, with Tails	Value	5 percent.
" " without Tails	"	"
Tails	Hundred	0.000
Wolf	"	12.500

YUAN SHIH-KAI, AND THE  
KWANGSI REBELLION.

According to telegraphic information re-  
ceived yesterday evening in Hongkong and  
Canton from Peking and Tientsin the Im-  
perial Throne has issued an Edict appointing  
Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai to be commander-in-  
chief of the forces in South China, where he  
will take charge of military operations against  
the Kwangsi rebels. It is also reported that  
a later telegram from the North is to the  
effect that Yuan Shih-kai was completing  
final arrangements, and had given Viceroy  
Sheng Tsu Fun charge of affairs in Chihli  
Province. If such information is reliable we  
may soon expect definite action being taken  
in connection with the rising, as it will not  
be denied that Yuan Shih-kai is a great  
power in China and has thoroughly mastered  
the difficulties of drilling and arming native  
troops. In conjunction with the late Yung  
Lu and Tung Fuh-shang he was appointed to  
centralise the command of the military  
forces of the Empire, or, at least, the provinces  
north of the Yangtze, and as the outcome  
of Yuan's representations to the Throne an  
Imperial Decree was issued sometime since  
to the following effect:—"In the method of  
training military men it is necessary to avoid  
having different systems in various parts of  
the country, and we have already issued  
Imperial Decrees several times warning the  
Viceroys and Governors of the several pro-  
vinces to keep unity in the Chinese military  
system by re-organizing the same; but re-  
cently upon receiving reports from various  
provinces, we have found them to be merely  
exaggerated and misleading epistles and that  
nothing substantial has in reality been done.  
We fear that they will never succeed in  
properly re-organizing the military  
system with uniform success. We have in-  
vestigated the military systems of Peiyang  
(Chihli) and Hupeh and found their new  
foreign-drilled troops in a splendid condition  
of efficiency, and we are now desirous to  
apply the same system to other provinces.  
Therefore, we hereby command the Viceroys  
and Governors of Honan, Shantung and  
Shansi to despatch at once military officers  
and drill sergeants, selected from each pro-  
vince, to Peiyang to be properly trained there.  
We also command the Viceroys and Govern-  
ors of Kiangsu, Anhui, Kiangsi and Hunan  
to despatch at once military officers and  
drill sergeants selected from each province  
to Hupeh to be properly trained. After  
their training is finished these men are to be  
ordered back to their own provinces in order  
to take control of the new recruits to be  
trained under the system which they have  
learned, so as to keep uniformity. Once a

year, both in Peiyang and Hupeh, after due  
Imperial sanction has been received, we will  
despatch high military officials to these  
provinces to inspect the troops and report  
upon the results of the new training and  
give their opinion as to their superiority or  
inferiority with unbiased criticism, so as to  
satisfy the Government, whose desire it is to  
have a properly reorganized military defence,  
and to create a strong and substantial army.  
As to the minute regulations we hereby  
order Yuan Shih-kai and Chang Chih-tung  
to discuss the same and after making due  
report and getting the Imperial sanction, it  
will be promulgated throughout the Empire."  
It will thus be seen that whatever motives  
he may have Yuan knows well what he is  
doing so far as military operations are con-  
cerned. When holding the post of General  
over some 10,000 men at Hsiao-chang, near  
Tientsin, he showed his progressive ten-  
dencies by spending much of his private  
money in order to have his troops properly  
drilled; and his army became very efficient.  
But there is another side to the question, in-  
asmuch as Yuan seems lacking in necessary  
strength of character, and if he should  
follow in the steps of others affairs in the  
South will call for prompt action on the  
part of the Powers. A Wuchow despatch to  
the North China Daily News states that  
Marshal Su is evincing unwillingness to  
leave his post for Peking, as commanded by  
a recent Imperial Decree, nor has he turned  
over his seals of office—the Provincial  
Commander-in-Chiefship of Kwangsi—and  
the command of his personal corps of 10,000  
to General Huang, his successor appointed  
by the Throne. As Marshal Su's army is  
the only compact, organized, and properly  
armed large body of troops available in  
Kwangsi province at the present juncture,  
Governor Wang Chih-chun, with his mis-  
cellaneously armed and loose rabble of an  
army, is at a loss what to do, since he has  
neither the men nor the ability to enforce  
the Imperial Decree and arrest Marshal Su  
if he refuses to surrender his command and  
go up to Peking. It is understood in Can-  
ton and among certain parties in Hongkong  
that Yuan Shih-kai will leave Tientsin at  
the end of this month and will come here  
in the cruiser *Hai Che*, the flagship of  
Admiral Sah, who will accompany him to  
Kwangsi, and that one of Admiral Ho's  
gunboats will take them from Hongkong to  
Canton. It seems a probable story and may  
be the result of the determined attitude  
adopted by France. We await with interest  
further news on the subject.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The English budget statement will be issued  
on the 23rd April.

Have your picture taken at LeMunyon's Studio  
and you are sure to be pleased.—Advt.

The Canadian-Pacific Railway Company have  
purchased for £1,500,000 sixteen steamers  
constituting the Beaver line. The steamers  
will be run in conjunction with the railway to  
the St. Lawrence River.

An engineer has proceeded with a staff of men  
to Kabin to bring the machinery of the defunct  
New Kabin Gold Mines of Siam, Ltd., to  
Bangkok, it having been purchased from the  
agents of the Company in London by Messrs.  
Howarth Erskine, Ltd. A new company has  
been formed to work the concession.

Never pass LeMunyon's New Store without  
stepping in. He always has something to  
please you.—Advt.

While Mr. J. Ross, of the Water Department,  
was superintending the fixing of certain pipes  
in a well at Tai Tam Tuk, the ladder on  
which he was standing suddenly gave way and  
precipitated him down the well, a distance of  
about thirty-five feet. Although he sustained  
some nasty injuries, he is at present doing well.

It is reported from London that the report of  
the Engineering Standards Committee was  
issued on March 2nd. It is estimated that their  
decisions will result in the adoption within  
twelve months of a British standard of sections,  
saving some millions sterling. The reduction  
in the cost of structural steel alone will be  
£750,000 annually.

Keep up with the times and have your Develop-  
ing and Printing done at LeMunyon's. His  
work is of the very best and thoroughly  
guaranteed.—Advt.

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first year's trading, the Imperial Tobacco Com-  
pany announce an advance of 8d per pound in  
the price of pound and half-pound packages of  
all brands of tobacco. Within a very little, this  
increase will, it is stated, bring the prices back  
again to the level at which they stood before  
the tobacco war began.

It will be seen on reference to our advertise-  
ment columns, that the Polo Club Gymkhana  
will be held at the Happy Valley and Race  
Course to-morrow. The first saddling bell  
will be rung at 2 p.m., and at 2.30 the polo  
race will open the proceedings. Then follow  
a mile flat race, six furlong flat race, ladies'  
nomination rosette race, and a steeplechase.

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picture moulding, and is sure to please you.  
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The lighting of the city of Macao by elec-  
tricity is within measurable distance of accom-  
plishment. Quite recently the local munic-  
ipality petitioned the Government to sanction  
the ratification of a contract which the Com-  
missioners have entered into to supply electric  
lighting for the city in place of the old oil  
lamps. The Governor's approval of the change  
has been obtained.

The *Discovery's* sledges reached eighty-two  
degrees; seventeen minutes; not eighty as  
reported owing to a telegraphic error. The  
sledging parties underwent terrible hardships  
and had hairbreadth escapes from falling into  
bottomless crevasses. The tinned foods proved  
rotten, and they killed all their dogs. One party  
reached an altitude of nine thousand feet.  
Respiration was most difficult.

Dr. Dempwolff, who succeeded Professor Roch  
as head of the German Expedition for the  
prevention of malaria in German New Guinea,  
states that he has discovered the existence of  
an aquatic insect which destroys the anopheles  
mosquito, said to be the originator of malaria.  
He proposes to cultivate these useful  
insects by artificial means, and, in this way,  
hopes to exterminate the malaria mosquito.

As will be seen in our advertising columns  
the gunboats *Esik* and *Firebrand* have been  
consigned by the Admiralty, and are to be  
offered by Messrs. Hughes and Roughton for sale  
by public auction on the 29th instant. The  
*Esik* was built at Jarrow in 1877 at a cost  
of £21,112, and left Sheerness for the China  
Station in 1878. The *Firebrand* was built at  
Glasgow in 1876 at a cost of £25,473, and has  
been on the China Station for upwards of  
twenty years. Both are composite gunboats.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and  
officers of the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry  
will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow  
(Saturday) evening, from 8 to 9.30 p.m.

PROG. MME.  
March ..... "Macmillan" ..... Atterley  
Entrance ..... "Le Lettre de Manon" ..... Gillet  
Selection ..... "San Francisco" ..... Gillet  
Song ..... "Chant San Francisco" ..... Technisky  
Selection ..... "The Gay Cavalier" ..... Van Carlyle  
Calle ..... "Fortune of Oliver" ..... Berger  
Gavotte ..... "Monsieur de la Roche" ..... Paul Zabin  
God Save the King.

We notice that the locally engaged Sanitary  
Board inspectors have been supplied with  
nearly the same uniform as those engaged  
from home. The uniform, with the exception  
of the absence of braiding on the back of the  
coat, and the two breast pockets which are  
without flaps, is a decided improvement, the  
turned-down collar being far more comfort-  
able than the old stiff high collar. Talking  
as a whole the new uniform is a distinct im-  
provement and the various officers look very  
neat and business-like in them.

The *Sin Wan Pao's* correspondent at Peking  
wrote on the 9th that when Ma Yu-kun,  
Commander-in-Chief of Chili, was recently  
granted an Imperial audience which lasted  
quite a while, their Majesties desired to be  
truthfully informed whether the taxes were  
causing distress and dissatisfaction among  
the people of Chili, the Commander-in-Chief  
replied that after the Boxer disturbance, the  
people were not in a prosperous state, therefore  
new taxes should not be imposed till a later  
date, in order to avoid dissatisfaction and  
rebellion.

I wish to announce to the people of Hongkong  
that I am now prepared to take portraits in the  
very latest styles and patterns. Prices reason-  
able. Yours very truly, C. E. LeMunyon,  
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A CHARTER PARTY DISPUTE.

JUDGMENT.

The Chief Justice gave judgment at the  
Supreme Court this morning in the case in  
which Tam Long Chuen and Leung Sheung,  
co-partners carrying on business at 267, Des  
Voeux Road Central, sued J. E. von der Ohe for  
damages, the action arising out of the charter  
by the plaintiffs of the steamer *Sleipner*. It  
will be remembered that at the recent hearing  
Mr. E. H. Sharp, C. J. (sitting for Mr. F. E.  
Lowe), presided for the plaintiffs, and Mr.  
T. Morgan Phillips (instructed by Mr. G. C. C.  
Master) for the defendant.  
Sir W. M. Goodman said:—In this case, the  
plaintiffs claim damages against the defendant  
for breach of a charter party alleged to have  
been committed by the owners of the Nor-  
wegian steamship *Sleipner*. The charter  
which began on 24th January, 1902, was  
between the plaintiffs and the East Asiatic  
Trading Company, as agents for the defend-  
ant and the Captain of the *Sleipner*. It was  
a time charter for 12 months and one of the  
conditions was that the *Sleipner's* speed  
should be about nine knots in fair weather, on  
a consumption of about 11 tons of best Cardiff  
coal per diem. The charter began to run at  
Bangkok, the *Sleipner* which was built at  
Bergen in 1901 had not been out in these parts  
before, and, therefore, the charterers knew  
nothing of her except by the description in the  
Particulars. The charter was arranged by Mr.  
Rogge of Lamke and Rogge and he got his  
particulars from the East Asiatic Trading  
Company knowing nothing personally of the  
vessel. On the 1st July, 1902, the plaintiffs  
cancelled the charter party on the ground  
that the ship failed to comply with the  
conditions as to speed. This step was  
taken after the *Sleipner* had made several  
trips which, in the plaintiffs' opinion, showed  
that the defendant alleged this condition to be  
wrongful, and consequently, the plaintiffs  
decided to cancel the charter. The plaintiffs  
further say that, if the *Sleipner* failed  
to perform such condition, such failure did not  
justify the plaintiffs in cancelling the charter  
party. Under the charter the plaintiffs were  
to pay 6,700 Mexican dollars a month for the  
use and hire of the steamer, and it is admitted  
that they duly paid that sum till the date of  
cancellation. The case was tried at consid-  
erable length, before me, occupying no less than  
seven days, and I do not think that any point  
which could assist the contention of either side  
was omitted by the Counsel who appeared for  
the respective parties. Seven witnesses were  
called by the plaintiffs, and eight by the de-  
fendant and evidence was voluminous. The  
*Sleipner*, after being chartered, left Bangkok  
on her maiden voyage to Hongkong on the 3rd  
February 1902 and she arrived at that port on  
26th, after having had to put into Saigon for  
additional coals on her way. According to the  
evidence of her master, Daniel Rodseth, she  
had, on leaving Bangkok with a cargo of rice,  
ninety-six tons of English coal in her bunkers  
and 140 tons of Japanese, which they bought  
from a steamer. One would have expected  
that 230 tons would have brought her safely to  
Hongkong, a distance roughly of 1,500 miles,  
(I think, in evidence, it was stated to be 1,497  
miles). Naturally, she was likely to encounter  
a heavy monsoon at that season of the year,  
but if she had made an average of even five  
knots she ought to have done the trip in about  
124 days. One cannot be surprised that the  
charterers were vexed at having to pay an  
additional coal bill for \$350.25 for an extra  
250 tons bought by the Captain at Saigon. The  
Captain, however, explained that after two days  
of fair weather, they experienced gales of wind  
for eight days and he deemed it unfit to put  
into Saigon lest they should run short of coal.  
But it was proved that the *Sleipner* which  
in her charter, is described as a 9-knot  
steamer, arrived in Hongkong from Bangkok  
the same day as the *Sleipner* (26th February)  
having left Bangkok on 18th, that is to say, at  
over a fortnight later than the Norwegian ship  
and in ordinary circumstances it is at most an  
eight-day voyage for ships of about 9-knot  
class. Others did it in that time in February  
1902. However, at the interview Capt. Rodseth  
explained that the bad weather was the cause of  
it all and that really the *Sleipner* could do her  
9 knots.

Accordingly, the second voyage began on  
2nd March and lasted till 19th May. It in-  
cluded trips to Saigon, thence to Singapore,  
back to Saigon from thence to Manila and  
Kajang and finally back to Hongkong. On  
this voyage the performances of the *Sleipner*  
were better than on the whole much nearer  
eight knots than nine. This failure to come  
up to the speed condition was accounted for  
by the Captain by allegations of bad coal.  
But it must not be forgotten that on 1st  
March in sending the coal on board, the  
charterers wrote to the chief engineer "We  
beg to send you 100 tons Cardiff coal, and we  
hope you will be good enough to weigh on board  
and receive it if it is in good condition and also  
return to us the enclosed receipt by the bearer  
after you have signed it."

It seems strange in face of that letter to have  
the 2nd engineer describe in the witness box  
that a very coal consisting of only four or five  
tons lump and all the rest like sand. The coal  
was very expensive coal and if it was nearly all  
like sand, it should not have been received on  
board in face of that letter, at all events with-  
out telling the charterers at the time. On the  
31st May after the plaintiffs' solicitors had  
written the letter of 30th May, 1902, practically  
warning the agents that next trip would be  
treated as a final test, the third and last voyage  
began, counting the voyage up from Bangkok  
as the first. It was to Iloilo and back and the  
speed was about 6.6 knots. But this the Cap-  
tain explained was owing to the want of dry  
docking which had not been done since the  
vessel left England the previous November.  
Indeed, he wrote a letter dated the 26th May  
which he delivered to the charterers on the  
27th May as follows:—"In consideration of  
your chartering the s.s. *Sleipner*, on conditions  
that make it impossible to dry dock the  
steamer when I find it necessary, you will  
please notice that the speed will be accord-  
ingly and all other consequences resulting  
therefrom be on your own risk and expense."  
The charterers cancelled the charter on 1st  
July and then the ship was docked, and no doubt  
at that time, had a foul bottom, in spite of having  
been altogether somewhere about 20 days at  
Saigon during the charter in fresh water. The  
case for the charterers was that, at all events in  
the China Sea the *Sleipner* (which is built, as  
Mr. Gordon put it, somewhat like a collier or  
barge and lacks the co-efficient of fineness  
required out here) is not a ship of about 9 knots  
in fair weather. After consideration of all the  
evidence, and the excuses as to coal and on the  
last voyage of foul bottom, I find as a fact that  
there was a substantial breach of the charter  
party condition as to speed, and that  
the plaintiffs were, in all the circumstances,  
entitled to cancel the contract. It was, how-  
ever, urged by Mr. Morgan Phillips that even  
if there was a failure of performance as to the  
speed condition, yet the plaintiffs had waived  
their right to cancel by not having done so at  
once, i.e., so soon as the vessel arrived from  
Bangkok or at all events at the end of the  
second voyage under the charter. No doubt,  
it is the law that if the breach of a condition  
precedent is waived by one of the parties to a  
contract, by not repudiating the contract, after  
he knows of such breach, the condition prece-  
dent is converted into a simple term of the  
contract and its breach only gives rise to an  
action for damages. But, in the present  
case, it must be borne in mind that the defend-  
ant has all along denied that there ever was a  
breach, and so far from admitting it, would  
have gone to law with the plaintiffs if they had  
repudiated the contract. Indeed, he has now  
done so and counterclaims in this action. The  
plaintiffs were, surely, justified in continuing  
to employ the ship and pay the stipulated  
monthly sum for so doing, till they had given  
her a sufficient trial to enable them to establish  
that a breach had actually occurred and thus  
to show that they were entitled to cancel the  
charter party. It is contrary to common sense  
that the plaintiffs having paid the full  
contract price for the use of the *Sleipner* for  
over five months, and been put to extra  
expense for coal, should be held that they must  
go on employing her till the end of the twelve  
months because they were induced by the  
Captain's explanations and excuses as to  
the first and second voyages, to give her a very  
full trial before cancelling the contract. The  
correspondence between the parties must not  
be forgotten. I am aware that much has  
been said on both sides which merits care-  
ful consideration, both as to the facts  
and the law, but, after giving the evidence  
and the legal arguments full consideration, I  
find that there has been a breach of the speed  
condition of the charterparty of such a charac-  
ter as to defeat the commercial purpose of the  
charterparty. I hold that the charterers were  
entitled to cancel and that there was no waiver  
of their right, having regard to all the circum-  
stances including the correspondence between  
the parties and their solicitors. The plaintiffs  
are, therefore, entitled to judgment with costs  
and, unless the parties can agree upon a sum,  
the amount had better be referred to some  
gentleman conversant with such matters.  
The parties, I understand, are not likely to  
have any difficulty in agreeing upon such a  
reference, but if they cannot agree, they had  
better mention the matter to me again, and I  
will arrange for the assessment of damages. In  
all the circumstances, I do not think they will  
be found to amount to anything in the least  
like the large amount claimed by the plaintiffs.

The Chief Justice then advised the plaintiffs  
that it would be best to claim some quite small  
sum as damages. They were the winners and  
could afford to be merciful on this point. To  
advise the defendant, he advised that he  
should agree to some small sum and save his  
own expenses.

The *Kinshan's* was moored alongside the  
Hongkong-Canton Wharf with twelve furnaces  
roaring below and a curling column of smoke  
rushing out of her black funnel. It was half-  
past five on Wednesday evening, and the ever-  
increasing fleet of cosmopolitan river steamers—  
British, Chinese, and French—of large, small  
and medium tonnage, was beginning to pick its  
way among the shipping and head for the  
Canton Pass. That evening was a special  
occasion for river steamers as the Steamboat  
Company and the China Navigation Co., Ltd.,  
were sending their fine new vessel on her  
maiden trip to Canton where she will compete  
with other ships in the bid for passengers  
and cargo. Some one of an ingenious, if  
not artistic turn of mind, has appropriately  
chalked a roster on her funnel, which says  
that the *Kinshan* was the "cock of the  
walk," or at least would be entitled to the  
name when she had settled down to the Canton  
run. Capt. J. J. Lessius was on the bridge  
keeping that all was in readiness, and when the  
last of the passengers—there were 21 saloon  
and 295 deck—had boarded, the gangways  
were removed, cables slipped, and, with a  
toot of the whistle to warn a barked junk  
that was idly drifting past, the fifth big ship  
of the Steamboat Co. now on the Hongkong-  
Canton line, got away from the wharf just  
as the hands of the clock indicated 5.40.

Once clear of the shipping the telegraph  
rang, and Chief Engineer Hooke turned a  
lever; the *Kinshan* throbbed, shot ahead,  
and glided through the water at 13 knots  
overtaking and passing older ships of the river  
fleet. She kept straight on her course, slowed  
down, and curved around the "swirl water  
gate" between the large island of Lantau and  
the small one of Maohwan. The wash disturbed  
the oblong dip-nets close in shore, and fish-  
ing boats rocked in its wake. Passing Pirates  
Bay, the small islets known as the Brothers,  
and Castle Peak, just visible in the twilight,  
the ship headed for the mouth of the great  
water-course of Southern China. Meanwhile,  
lights had been switched on and passengers  
were settling down on deck, some in the  
commodious smoking room, others reading in  
the saloon below. Another ocean steamer  
(the *Kinshan* had not then qualified for the  
title of river steamer) showed up near Deep  
Bay and went by, red to red. She was followed  
by the down coming fleet which struggled past  
in twos and threes. When the island of Lin  
showed up the bell rang for dinner, and a  
most excellent meal was served in the saloon  
by boys who "saved" their "piddin." Capt.  
Lessius remained above but success to him  
and his ship was hardly due to the next six years,  
and the Company's service for the last six years,  
and has skipped the *Lung Shan*, *Wing  
Sui-nam*, *Fatshan* and now the *Kinshan*, so  
that the appointment is fully justified both on  
account of popularity and merit. Passing by  
the fishing stakes, the great steamer pushes her  
turbulent way through the water. All around  
is tranquil and quiet, save for the rushing  
foam as it hisses away from the bows, and  
when at length the tidepole is reached  
and the anchors have been dropped (at 10.30)  
peace reigns supreme and the *Kinshan* swings  
to the tide. At 4.30 the next morning she is  
once again under way, and going slow up the  
Front Reach past Whampoa, and its docks,  
the mother of the great establishment at  
Hongkong, is steadily making the shipping and  
bustle of Canton life. The ship is at 6.15  
a.m., the skipper leaves the bridge and at eight  
o'clock a substantial breakfast had been served  
and passengers were settling out to see the sights.  
A number of friends (joined at Capt. Lessius's  
house on the Shamien and again toasted the  
shipper and the ship. The day was quickly  
spent and by five o'clock 25 saloon passengers  
and 1,378 deck were aboard ready for the home-  
ward journey. But there was a huge cargo of  
"matting" to be taken in, and it was not  
until six o'clock that she cleared the wharf to  
the roar of a string of crackers and cheers from  
friends ashore. She took the Hack Reach,  
passed eight or nine ocean steamers lightering  
nearly two miles from the foreign concession  
and travelling at half-speed and slow from  
Canton to Tiger Island was the envy of  
neighbouring native eyes. She made the bar-  
riers in fine style and continued her  
through a vast alluvial flat richly cultivated  
with rice, and at length steamed by the "Flower  
pagoda," called by the foreigners the 2nd  
Bar Pagoda. Once the Tiger Island had been  
reached, the telegraph rang, the men below did  
the needful and the *Kinshan* throbbed from end  
to end as she ran at 13 knots through the  
gradually increasing expanse of water. Mr.  
Ramsay, superintending engineer for the Com-  
pany, Mr. Wilson, manager of the Kowloon  
Dock, and other interested gentlemen con-  
gratulated the skipper on his fine ship and the  
splendid work she did against a strong  
breeze. In fact, all aboard, including many  
ladies, amongst whom were Misses Lieven, were  
unanimous in their praises, and predicted a  
successful career for the ship. The ship was  
steamed sighted, and at ten o'clock the  
fish stakes could just be discerned. The  
steamer slowed down a trifle and contin-  
ed on her course till most of the passengers had  
fallen asleep and remained in slumber deep  
until a toot from the whistle announced  
that shipping had been reached, and at  
12.30 the *Kinshan* ran alongside the wharf  
after a most successful trip to Canton and back.  
When at length, her little peculiarities are  
known the Company and Capt. Lessius will  
feel doubly proud of the performances of the  
"Cock of the Canton walk."

CANTON RECLAMATION  
SCHEME.

Our Canton correspondent writes to us that a  
great reclamation scheme is being considered  
at Canton, and it is probable that 150 feet of  
the foreshore will be taken from the river. No  
doubt this will be a great improvement, as  
wharf accommodation for deep-water tonnage  
has been a long-felt want, to say nothing of the  
natural result of the river digging for itself a  
deeper outlet to compensate for its slight loss  
in breadth. A considerable portion of the prop-  
erty is foreign owned.

THE PLAGUE.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon  
yesterday further cases of Chinese bubonic  
plague, making 249 since January 1st.

Tte Earl and Duchess of Londonderry arrived  
here by the German Mail on Wednesday, and  
we understand they are returning to England  
via the Canadian route. They were presented at  
the Dechi Durbar.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

French (*Calcutta*) 10th inst.  
American (*Albatross*) 12th inst.  
Indian (*Sutlej*) 25th inst.  
Australian (*Guthrie*) 25th inst.  
Canadian (*Turkey*) 26th inst.  
American (*Arcturion*) 2nd prox.

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CANTON.

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## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

## The Strikes in Holland.

LONDON, 15th April.

The strikes in Holland are collapsing.

## The French President's Tour.

President Loubet has left Marseilles.

## The Resignation of M. Revoll.

M. Edgar Combes, son of the French Premier, has requested the Public Prosecutor to institute proceedings with a view to elucidating the insinuations of M. Grenoble in the *Petit Dauphin* that he had offered to secure permission for the Carthusian Monks to remain in France for a large sum of money. M. Revoll, who is a nephew of the proprietor of the *Petit Dauphin*, is obscurely connected with this affair.

## The Bagdad Railway.

The Directorate of the Bagdad Railway at present consists of nine Germans, seven Frenchmen, two Swiss and one Austrian. The conditions for the participation of British capital are not yet definitely settled. The nominal capital of £100,000,000 mentioned yesterday was share capital.

## The Suez Canal Blocked.

A barque sunk by a Russian cruiser has been blocking the Suez Canal since Monday; the *Orizaba* and *Plassy* are delayed in consequence.

LATER.

## The Suez Canal Block.

The Suez Canal is now open to traffic.

## President Loubet's Tour.

President Loubet has arrived at Algiers; in the afternoon the foreign warships simultaneously saluted with 21 guns.

## Sentence on the Murderer of the Russian Consul at Metropetza.

The murderer of M. Stcherbinas, the Russian Consul at Metropetza, who was previously sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment, has now been sentenced to death in consequence of imperative representations by Russia.

(Der Ostasiatische Lloyd)

## Royal Amities.

Berlin, 9th April. H.M. the Emperor thanked King Christian of Denmark very heartily for the splendid reception in Copenhagen and the way he was entertained in the family of his host, the form being such that he could consider himself a son of the King. The Emperor's letter was accompanied by a valuable birthday present for King Christian.

## Strike in Holland.

The strike in Holland is becoming general. The troops have been called out and made a number of arrests. The railway labourers are keeping quiet; about twenty per cent of them are striking, but notwithstanding this strike is also considered serious. The Government intended first to suppose the reading of the disintegrating bill, expecting to bring the strike to an early end thereby. But the second Chamber of the States General have in the meantime already passed the first article of the bill. The Socialists intend now to use every means of obstruction.

## British Shipping Strikes.

The steamer companies at London have resumed their service. The strike of their crews affected also the transport of German merchandise.

## Future of Krupps.

The organisation of the Krupp works into a limited company will take place on July first.

(N. C. D. News.)

## Stranding of the "Victoria."

CH 100, 6th April. The British steamer *Victoria*, from Pusan Sound for Tientsin with lumber, stranded on Thursday forty miles from Chefoo, a few points north of where the *Oregon* struck. She has seventeen feet of water in her hold. No lives lost. The chief officer arrived in one of her lifeboats at Chefoo on Friday. The Chinese cruiser *Haiyung* has gone to her assistance. The steamer *Victoria* Capt. Casey, 1507 tons, left Port Gamble on the 5th inst. for China. The C.M.S. *Naean* which arrived at Shanghai on 12th inst. from Tientsin reported: At 5 p.m. on the 10th instant, passed a steamer which was flying the signals "H. N. V. L." (*Victoria* London) ashore on a rocky reef, Siachushan (Little Bamboo Island), 11 miles E.S.E. from Howki. Her crew had canvas tents rigged up ashore. On her deck she had lumber. There was good protection from N. and N.E. winds. At the time of passing, the sea was smooth and the weather fine.

## The Naval Review at Kobe.

Tokio, 11th April. The grand review at the conclusion of the naval manoeuvres was held on the 10th inst. at Kobe, when 28 ships and 34 torpedo craft were ranged in four lines; the 14th line being formed by seven foreign vessels, of which two were British, and one each American, French, German, Italian, and Russian. The Emperor's ship steamed slowly round, after which His Majesty gave audience to the foreign Ministers and Naval Officers. A luncheon was then given on board the *Asama* and *Yamato* to foreigners and Japanese, 1,300 covers being laid.

The Emperor, in his message, praised the obvious progress of his fleet, and declared that the condition of the nations at present depends on the development of their navies. He urged his officers and men to renew their exertions to consummate his wishes.

In the evening the Minister of Marine gave a ball at the Chamber of Commerce. Kobe was illuminated by the foreign residents, who have always been markedly loyal. There was a torchlight procession in which over a thousand took part.

## The Colour Line in South Africa.

LONDON, 10th April. The Transvaal Government has decided to enforce the law of the late Republic which assigned bantars in every town in which alone Asiatics are permitted to trade, but exceptions are made in favour of educated and civilised Asiatics.

## The Evacuation of Manchuria.

Tokio, 11th April. The Japanese journals publish numerous telegrams which indicate that the evacuation of Manchuria by Russia is altogether mythical.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault

It is believed that the Russian procedure is plainly suggestive of warlike intentions, or is a tentative display to test the patience of the Powers.

There is growing excitement in public opinion in Japan.

## The Understanding between Germany and Turkey.

LONDON, 11th April. The Sultan of Turkey has conferred the highest decorations on the German Crown Prince and his brother, who are staying at Constantinople as his guests.

## POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN.

"LA MASCOTTE."

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## "BOA VISTA" HOTEL, MACAO.

We understand that negotiations have been opened by Messrs. Dornier & Madar with the Committee of the Santa Casa da Misericordia of Macao for the lease to the former of the Boa Vista Hotel in the Ponta da Cruz colony. The period of lease is mentioned as five years. The circumstance under which the Boa Vista property came into the ownership of the Santa Casa must still be fresh in the memory of our readers. To baffle the attempt of the French to gain a foothold in the settlement, Governor Horta e Costa decreed the expropriation of the land and buildings thereunto belonging. Through the Vice-consul for France at Macao, preliminary overtures were made with the former owner, Capt. C. A. de Castro, who was to be paid as far as the French were concerned, and the Governor of the corporation bought over the property through the intervention of the Government. At the farewell banquet on the eve of his departure at the close of his administration, Governor Horta undertook to obtain the grant of the site now occupied by the dismantled fortress of Bom Parto for the extension of the Hotel, it having been felt that the building was far too limited for the large demand made upon it. The additional land should form a valuable site for a much-needed annex to this popular resort of visitors to the Holy City.

## RELIC OF THE BATTLE OF MANILA BAY.

The following account of the raising of the *Reina Cristina* in Manila Bay, is taken from the *Cobl* news of the 13th inst. The *Reina Cristina*, Admiral Montojo's flagship, has been raised six feet from the muddy bay off Cavite and will be floated on Wednesday next. The ship, condemned as worthless has been successfully raised notwithstanding the boohoos of the naval experts, and from personal observation it is found that she was scuttled and not sunk by the American's fire on May 1st, 1898.

There are eighty skeletons aboard the *Cristina*, among which it looks as though the Captain of the sunken cruiser is among the unrecognisable bodies. The only basis for the surmise is that an officer's sword, badly corroded, was found in the Admiral's cabin adjoining the remains found there, and on the basis of Ad-

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miral Dewey's report that the Captain of the *Cristina* was killed in action. The raising of the big 3,500-ton cruiser was an easy job, especially as the patching of the fourteen small gun shot holes beneath the water line required attention to say nothing of the eighteen-inch injection pipe, the valve of which was removed before those not killed aboard the vessel, left the ship. This case of the immediate sinking of the vessel, after an exploded shell had set fire to the wood-work.

The location of the eighty bodies discovered would suggest that these unfortunate men were in the hospital known to exist forward, and the fragments of an exploded shell found in the neighbourhood of the skeletons leads to the conclusion that the poor men were killed or so badly wounded that they were unable to swim even to save the wounded much less the live sailors, as from the appearance of the forward part of the ship the fire originated there and was probably caused by the shell that exploded in that section of the vessel.

As soon as the fragments of once human beings were discovered by Captain Garry in charge of the raising of the *Cristina*, the Naval authorities were at once notified, and they have signified their intention of giving the brave men who went down with the ship a naval burial with all the naval honours they are entitled to. The old Spanish residents of Cavite and Manila, however, have made a request for permission to return the remains of the sailors to Spain, and their request will undoubtedly be complied with as soon as the Naval people have accorded them proper burial in proper caskets.

There was no vast fortune found upon the vessel although it is hard to say what really exists beneath the five or six feet of mud in the hull of the vessel. There were small portions of gold and silver found in the neighbourhood of what was once the ship's chapel, and the melted watch, supposed to be that of Admiral Montojo, was recovered where his cabin once stood.

HULL WELL PRESERVED. The hull of the vessel is in a remarkable state of preservation, owing to the cluster of tropical shells and fineness that has attached itself to the steel sides of the fighting machine during the five years she has been submerged. She had a number of ports on each side, but the damage done by shot and shell below the water line, would not have been sufficient to sink her as the hulls were small and evidently made by nothing stronger than four-pounders. The two largest holes were through the ship's funnel, one about half way up and the other at its outside base, on a level with the steam whistle.

WILL COME TO MANILA. Captain C. F. Garry, representing the Philippines Salvage Company, has two punns now in the Custom House boat of which will be put in operation Tuesday morning, and with this new and modern apparatus he will have a pumping capacity of 7,000 gallons per minute and with two such machines working the big cruiser will be floated not later than Wednesday and the smaller leaks completely stopped. In all probability the resuscitated steamer will be towed to behind the break-water of Manila where all will have an opportunity to visit the flagship of the defeated Don.

The *Velo* another of the sunken boats is ready for pumping and will soon be floated. The *Cristina* is not worth the attempt to raise her and is being dynamited out of existence. The *Marinduque*, one of the *Compania Maritima* boats is used as a wrecking tug by Captain Garry and his assistants. Captain G. Brown invited the *Cobl* representative to "prowl on the diving suit and see the bottom hull and grasp an idea of the general condition of the hull, but as the helmet would not fit the reporter's head he was persuaded not to take the dip although he was more than anxious to do so. If the helmet had fitted, the newspaper man would have walked ashore.

## BANKING NEWS OF NEW YORK CITY.

CONTROL NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK BOUGHT.

The International Banking Corporation has acquired the controlling interest in the National Shoe and Leather Bank, having purchased a majority of the shares from the syndicate which several months ago secured the control. It is currently reported that the syndicate paid \$175 a share, and that the price paid by the International Banking Corporation is in the neighbourhood of \$200. The fact that William L. Moyer is president of both institutions indicates how the deal may have been made. It is said the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which is interested in the International Banking Corporation, is a factor in the transaction, and that the purchase has been under consideration by the latter ever since the insurance company acquired an interest in the International Company. The statement is made public that the International Banking Corporation purposes securing substantial interests in several banks in different parts of the United States, and thus form a strong combination and a community of interest that will give it the great strength as a financial institution it had planned when it was organized. As it is, it is a powerful organization, commanding attention from financiers both in this country and abroad. Its authorized capital is \$10,000,000, nearly all of which has been paid in. It has branches in London, San Francisco, City of Mexico, Manila, Hongkong, Yokohama, Shanghai and Singapore. It is the fiscal agent of the United States in China and the Philippines.

The corporation purchased a site on Wall street a few days ago, for \$75,000, for a new building, mention of which was made in a recent number of the *New York*. It has a very strong financial chairman of the board; Thomas H. Alexander, Jules S. Roche, Clarence Cary, Juan M. Ceballos, Edward E. Cragin, W. Murray Crane, George Crocker, Eugene Delano, Marcellus Hartley Dodge, Sylvester C. Dunham, Isaac Guggenheim, Edward H. Harriman, John R. Hegeman, Erskine Hewitt, John Hubbard, Henry E. Huntington, James H. Hyde, John B. Jackson, Luther Kounze, John J. McCook, Henry P. McIntosh, William H. McIntyre, Henry S. Manning, William L. Moyer, Allen W. Paige, Henry Clay Pierce, William A. Rea, Howard S. Rodgers, George H. Russell, William Salmon, Robert A. C. Smith, Alfred G. Vanderbilt II.

The National Shoe and Leather Bank was established in 1853. Its capital is \$1,000,000; surplus and profits, \$122,024; deposits, \$7,374,645. It has grown rapidly recently, having added nearly \$1,500,000 to its deposits in the last six months. The directors are: David F. Butcher, John M. Crane, Bayard Dominick, Haley Fiske, John R. Hegeman, John A. Hiltner, General Thomas H. Hubbard, Francis H. Leggett, George H. Macy, Cornelius B. Mitchell, William L. Moyer, Henry Ollshausen, Joseph S. Stout, Newton E. Stout, Robert H. Swartz, Oswald G. Villard, Antonio G. Hodenpyl, Thomas Russell.

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## Commercial.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

Business has been limited entirely to investing transactions, and although orders for several of the leading stocks such as DOCKS, SUGARS, STAR FERRIES and STEAMSHIP EXCHANGE cannot be brought to meet buyers' ideas of prices. BANKS have declined to \$685 sales. FIRES have sellers for HONGKONG and CHINA at \$310 and \$83, respectively. MACAO STEAMBOATS have buyers at \$38.75. INDOS are lower in sympathy with a decline in Shanghai to 115.76. The local rate is 5166 sellers. CHINA SUGARS have strong buyers at \$109.50 and RAUBS jumped to \$9 with buyers. DOCKS have buyers at \$117 and shares are difficult to obtain. HONGKONG HIRELS continue to rise and close with buyers at \$148. CEMENTS have been sold as high as \$22.50 and have sellers at \$23. FENWICKS have advanced to \$50 and are in demand.

CHINA AND MANILA S.S. CO. The loss on the working account of the China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., as given in the accounts for the past year, is \$724,309.7.

BANGKOK CATTLE TRADE. The slackness in the shipping trade between Singapore and Bangkok has a detrimental effect on the Bangkok cattle trade. Owners of the stock have to go on paying shed rent after the animals are ready for export, there being an insufficiency of boats fitted for carrying cattle. The Singapore law requires ships to be fitted up with stalls when they carry cattle.

SAIGON RICE. The quotation prices for Saigon rice April-May delivery are as follows:—No. 2 White sifted (triple) steam milled (round) No. 2 White unsifted (ordinaire) steam milled (round) \$4.95—7/5d. 5% Cargo steam milled (round) \$4.50—6/4d. 10% cargo " " " \$4.20—6/4d. 20% cargo " " " \$4.00—6/3d.



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## JOINT SERVICES.

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## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"	On 24th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HYSON"	On 30th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 1st May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 15th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 1st June.

S.S. "KEEMUN" has arrived and leaves for Japan and Pacific ports to-morrow.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
*LIVERPOOL and MARSEILLES	"PINGSUEY"	On 20th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and A'WERP.	"DEUCALION"	On 28th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and A'WERP.	"JASON"	On 12th May.
*LIVERPOOL and GENOA	"AGAMEMNON"	On 17th May.
MARSEILLES and ANTWERP.	"ANTALUS"	On 21st May.
LONDON	"PATROCLUS"	On 26th May.
*LIVERPOOL and GENOA	"CALCHAS"	On 31st May.
LONDON	"HYSON"	On 1st June.

S.S. "PINGSUEY" for Marcellles and Liverpool left Shanghai on the morning of the 17th instant and is expected here on 20th instant, a.m.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"KEEMUN"	On 19th April.
	"AJAX"	On 20th May.

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SHANGHAI	"SINGAI"	20th "
MANILA	"TAIYUAN"	21st "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS., COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	"TAIYUAN"	21st "
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	22nd "
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIPONG"	23rd "
KOBE	"TSINAN"	30th "

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† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1903.

## Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA  
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Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 18th April, at 10 A.M.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 25th April, at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	MANILA (via AMOY)	

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1903.

## PORTLAND &amp; ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,

FOR  
PORTLAND OREGON,

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## THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAVELLI"	899	W. E. Craven	April 24, 1903.
"INDRAPURA"	899	A. E. Hollingsworth	May 14, "
"INDRASAMA"	5197	R. P. Craven	June 14, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

## OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

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Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 19th April.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 26th April.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 29th April.

\* 1/2 SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co's Pontoons at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co's steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co's Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903.

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG-MANILA,  
REDUCED SALOON PAS-  
SAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20. RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric Light, First Class Accommodation. Unrivaled Table. Daily qualified Surgeon carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [35e]

## STEAM TO CANTON.

FRENCH MAIL

Twin Screw S.S. "SAN CHEUNG," 951 Tons, Captain Murphy, leaves HONGKONG for CANTON at 5.30 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Unexcelled accommodation for First Class Passengers. Hot and Cold Water lead on by Pipes to each Cabin. Ship lighted throughout by Electricity. Passage Fare \$3.00 Single Journey. Meals \$1.00 each.

The Comp. n's Wharf is East of the Hongkong Harbour Master's Office, and West of Canton Boat Co's Wharf.

CHEUNG ON S.S. CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [70c]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE  
TO NEW YORK,  
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903.	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
"RICHMOND CASTLE"	About 20th April.	
"AFRIDI"	"5th May.	
"SAGAMI"	"23rd May.	

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1903. [39e]

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Japanese Mail Steamship

"YAWATA MARU,"

3,600 Tons, Captain A. E. Moses, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 24th instant at 4 P.M.

The Well-known Steamer is specially constructed for the service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [477e]

## TOYO KISEN KAISHA

## MANILA LINE.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unrivaled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
ROHILLA MARU	E. P. Bishop	3,869	Saturday, 18th instant at 11 A.M.
ROSETTA MARU	N. Tate	3,876	Wednesday, 22nd instant, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1903. [171e]

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO  
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND  
KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MELPOMENE,"

Captain Tosone, will leave for the above places on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,  
Agents.

Prince's Building.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [475e]

## EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &amp;c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN,"

Captain Helms, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th May, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &amp;c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1903. [468e]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

## EXCURSION TO SHEKWAN.

To visit the Great Chinese Temples of Heaven and Buziar.

The Fast Twin Screw Steamer "CHUKONG" will leave her usual wharf, Praya West, TO-MORROW, SUNDAY and MONDAY, 18th, 19th and 20th, at 9 A.M. Sharp and will leave from Shekwan at 3 P.M. each day arriving here about 5.30 P.M.

RETURN TICKETS \$2.50.

Meals can be had on Board by applying to the Steward, each \$1.00.

This is an opportunity for the Tourists and a trip that should not be missed.

For Tickets apply to A. RITCHIE, 39, Des Voeux Road Central, or Payable on Board, cabins are \$3.00 extra.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [484e]

## EXCURSION TO SHEKWAN.

TO-MORROW  
(SATURDAY), 18th, and SUNDAY, 19th April

THE New Twin Screw Steamer

"KWONG CHOW,"

will leave her Wharf at 9.30 A.M. TO-MORROW, and return from Shekwan at 2.30 P.M.

On SUNDAY, leaves her Wharf at 8 A.M. and returns from Shekwan at 1 P.M.

FARES: \$1.50 Single, \$2.50 Return.

Lunch can be obtained on Board at \$1 per head.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [481e]

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CALEDONNIEN"

Captain Marcellini, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about SUNDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [1004d]

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK  
VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(With liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

THE "Shire" Line

S.S. "PENROKESHIRE"

will be despatched on or about FRIDAY, the 15th May.

The American Asiatic S.S. Co.'s "NORMAN ISLES,"

will be despatched on or about MONDAY, the 15th June.

For Freight, &amp;c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [482e]

## Consignees.

## "BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SAGAMI"

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

A General Average Bond lying at the Office of the Undersigned has to be signed and a deposit paid before delivery of cargo can be obtained.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1903. [459e]

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINA"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 21st instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns, after the 21st instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [451e]

## "WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "LOTHIAN,"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY, the 15th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [476e]

## THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "INDRAVELLI,"

FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

ALLAN CAMERON,  
General Agent.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [1266c]

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"FRANZ FERDINAND"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 22nd instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [315e]

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"BAVERN,"

of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 A.M., TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 27th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [655e]

## Shipping.

## Arrivals.

KINSHU MARU, Jap. s.s., 2,380, F. L. Pyne, 16th Apr.—Singapore 15th Apr. Gen.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	PROSPER, Nor. s.s., 289, J. Kristiansen, 16th Apr.—Wuhu 11th Apr. Rice—Hang Yang.	GREGORY APCAR, Br. s.s., 2,490, I. G. Olfert
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